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## Minutes of the Academic Standards Meeting

October 9, 2008

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Scot Allgood with the following people present: Jeannie Pacheco, Ann Roemer, Chris Call, Jeremy Jennings, Scot Allgood, John Mortensen and Ed Latfelder.

The minutes for the last meeting were approved.

Ann Roemer and Jeannie Pacheco presented the “Undergraduate Admissions at Peer Institutions” list which listed USU ranking #22. The Provost’s office used this list which gave scores of IELTS (International English Language Testing System), TOFEL PBT (Test of English Foreign Language-paper) and TOFEL IBT (Test of English Foreign Language-internet based). The tests are all used for admissions and to assess readiness to pursue a major. Due to cultural issues some tests are easier for students from some parts of the world, but there is evidence that they do not have the English proficiency to succeed as a college student. The proposal was to raise USU’s test score requirements. After some discussion it was decided that Ann and Jeannie will check on equivalency between the test scores and formal motion will be made at the next meeting. (See attached sheet for score comparison with sister institutions).

The Excused Absence Policy that discussed at last month’s meeting has been tabled. Jeremy reported that ASUSU passed legislation that President Albrecht will review and send back to the committee if appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Undergraduate admissions at peer institutions: Minimum scores

<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>TOEFL - iBT</u></b>	<b><u>TOEFL - PBT</u></b>	<b><u>IELTS</u></b>
<b>1. Kansas State University</b>	80	550	6.5
<b>2. Pennsylvania State University</b>	80	550	6.5
<b>3. University of Alaska</b>	80	550	6.5
<b>4. University of Massachusetts- Amherst</b>	80	550	6.5
<b>5. University of Vermont</b>	79-80	550	6.5
<b>6. North Carolina State University</b>	79	550	6.5
<b>7. Auburn</b>		550	
<b>8. Clemson</b>		550	
<b>9. Virginia Tech</b>	80	550	
<b>10. New Mexico State University</b>	71	530	5
<b>11. Oregon State University</b>	71	527	6
<b>12. Colorado State University</b>	71	525	6
<b>13. Mississippi State University</b>	71	525	6
<b>14. University of Wyoming</b>	71	525	5.5
<b>15. Montana State University</b>	71	525	6
<b>16. University of Idaho</b>	70	525	6
<b>17. Washington State University</b>	68	520	5.5
<b>18. Iowa State University</b>	68	500	5
<b>19. University of Arizona</b>	61	500	6.5
<b>20. University of Nevada- Reno</b>	61	500	6
<b>21. West Virginia University</b>	61	500	6
<b>22. Utah State University</b>	61	500	5